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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

FROM:

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Chief, Arms Control Intelligence Staff

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SUBJECT: Paul Nitze Visit Scheduled for March 24 at 1000 Hours

1. The purpose of Paul Nitze's visit is to provide you with his personal view of the status of the INF negotiations, which recessed on March 16 for two months, and to respond to any questions you may have. He is in the process of providing this briefing to all Cabinet-level officials involved in the INF process.

2. I expect that Ambassador Nitze will stress the following points:

- His conviction that the Soviet objective in INF is to get the US out of Europe
- The necessity to attack the Soviet contention that a balance exists in Europe
- His intention of making verification the focus of attention at the next INF session, scheduled to begin on 20 May.

3. With respect to the balance, Ambassador Nitze wants to work out with the Soviets an agreed data base using common assumptions for aircraft and missile performance (e.g., aircraft flight profiles, weapon loadings, and fuel reserves) and then go on to demonstrate Soviet superiority in theater nuclear weapons systems. There are two problems:

- The JCS don't want aircraft discussed with the Soviets
- The Soviets won't play either. They say they will only discuss systems to be limited (a pre-condition) and then only in the context of the specific limitations.

4. Regarding verification, the INF IG is currently preparing a verification annex to the Treaty which can be the focus of attention at the next session if such an approach is approved at the policy level. [REDACTED]

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